



## COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES

January 29, 2025

#### **Attendees:**

Chief Eugene Hope  
 Sub Chief Donny Bertrand  
 Brenda Berreault  
 Dennis Nelson  
 Boyd Clark, Advisor to Council (Band Manager)

#### **With Regrets:**

Morris McLeod

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Hope Called the Meeting to Order at 6:05 PM MDT. Quorum exists of Council.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & CHAIRPERSON

The Council requested the Advisor (Acting Band Manager) to Chair the meeting; he read the agenda and asked if there were any additions: None.

**2025.01.29:01:** Motion to Approve the Agenda without any Additions.

Chief Eugene Hope  
 Sub Chief Donny Bertrand  
 Carried.

### 3. IN-CAMERA

**2025.01.29:02:** Motion to Move into Camera @ 6:11 pm

Brenda Berreault  
 Dennis Nelson  
 Carried.

#### 1. **Bison Harvester Tag: Bertrand, Justin**

- a) **August Report**
- b) **September Report**
- c) **October Report**
- d) **November Report**

**2025.01.29:03:** Motion to approve a Band Council Resolution **BCR 2025-07-0129** to provide Justin Bertrand the 5<sup>th</sup> and final tag.

Chief Eugene Hope  
 Sub Chief Donny Bertrand  
 Carried.

#### 2. **Bison Harvester Tag: Stipdonk, Chris**

**2025.01.29:04:** Motion to notify Chris Stipdonk that all bison harvester tags awarded to Acho Dene Koe First Nation by the Government of Northwest Territories have been granted for this year.

Chief Eugene Hope  
 Sub Chief Donny Bertrand  
 Carried.

The Executive Chairperson/Acting President and CEO recommended to the Shareholder that they accept the nomination from Mr. McKee as information and inform him that it would be considered in January following the conclusion of the member director positions for the Board of Directors.

#### 3. **Supreme Court: Paramount Litigation**

Boyd Clark reviews with Council the materials provided by Legal Counsel (Doug Rae) as defendant, Paramount Resources Ltd have filed a defense to our claim whether as plaintiff we wish to challenge the authenticity of documents filed concerning Paramount Community Investment Agreement, Shiha LP Agreement, Shiha Shareholder Agreement, letters, emails, financial statements, and cheques issued between parties. The Chief and Advisor will be looking to schedule a meeting with Legal Counsel once Doug Rae has been able to review the 700 + pages filled by Paramount with the Supreme Court in Northwest Territories.

2025.01.29:05: Motion to Move out of Camera @ 6:41 pm  
 Chief Eugene Hope  
 Dennis Nelson  
 Carried.

#### 4. **BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS**

1. **BCR 2025-03-0129:** Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2024, Meeting of Council.

2025.01.29:06: Motion to approve BCR 2025-03-0129 and the Minutes of December 12, 2024, as presented.  
 Brenda Berreault  
 Dennis Nelson  
 Carried.

2. **BCR 2025-04-0129:** Approval of Resolution of the Directors of the Liard Valley Band Development Corporation.

2025.01.29:07: Motion to approve BCR 2025-04-0129 which includes the approval of Resolution of the Directors of the Liard Valley Development Corporation.  
 Chief Eugene Hope  
 Sub Chief Donny Bertrand  
 Carried.

3. **BCR 2025-05-0129:** Approval of March 31, 2024, Financial Audited Statements prepared by EPR Accounting Corporation of Yellowknife, NT.

2025.01.29:07: Motion to approve BCR 2025-05-0129 which includes the approval of the Audited Statements for the Period Ending March 31, 2024.  
 Brenda Berreault  
 Sub Chief Donny Bertrand  
 Carried.

Noted Discussions concerning the delayed of the completion of the audit and the need to be compliant with the funding agreements received from Canada, Northwest Territories, and the British Columbia Treaty Commission and having the audit approved and released no later than August each year.

4. **BCR 2025-06-0129:** Accounts Payables

2025.01.29:08: Motion to approve BCR 2025-06-0129 which includes the approval of the following sets of accounts payable as information:

- **BCR 2025-01-0116:** Accounts Payables [2024.12.22]
- **BCR 2025-02-0116:** Accounts Payables [2025.01.05]
- **BCR 2025-03-0116:** Accounts Payables [2025.01.12]
- **BCR 2025-01-0129:** Accounts Payables [2025.01.26]
- **BCR 2025-02-0129:** Accounts Payables [2025.01.12]

Brenda Berreault  
 Sub Chief Donny Bertrand  
 Carried.

#### 5. **OLD BUSINESS [DISCUSSION ITEMS]**

1. **Hamlet of Fort Liard – Northwest Territories Wildfire Resilience Project**

Boyd Clark reviews with Council the letter of December 11, 2024, that had been sent from Acho Dene Koe First Nation to the Hamlet of Fort Liard's SAO – John McKee – to this date no response has been provided by the Hamlet to the letter while there have been discussions of contracting Beaver Enterprises LP to complete the project. Discussions ensued as to the rights of the First Nation and the risk to the community. Agreed to have a follow-up letter will be sent to the Hamlet.

2. **Community Meeting**

Boyd Clark reviews with the Council that a motion of Council [2024.12.03.03] had been passed to hold a Community Meeting January 29<sup>th</sup>; since this hadn't occurred Management was seeking direction of Council as to whether they wish to schedule a new date for the Community Meeting. Discussion ensues.

2025.01.29:09: Motion to Approve the Community Meeting for Wednesday, March 5, 2025.  
 Chief Eugene Hope  
 Sub Chief Donny Bertrand  
 Carried.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS [DISCUSSION ITEMS]

### 1. Chief & Council

- a. Election of Councillor, Appointment of Election Officer

**Consensus of Council:** To seek the availability of Eva Beyers, Killick Leadership Group and to have the dates established at the next meeting of Council [February 20, 2025].

- b. [Simpson]: Premier – Bilateral Commitment Matrix Report and Scheduling of New Bi-Lateral Meeting

**Consensus of Council:** To notify the Government of Northwest Territories that Acho Dene Koe First Nation is receptive to having the next bi-lateral meeting [Fall of 2025] in Yellowknife as it will likely reduce costs for the public government and provide for simpler logistics for both governments to have leaders and officials at the meeting. The council expressed that in responding to the Government of Northwest Territories that it was Acho Dene Koe First Nation turn to host and since we are accommodating moving the meeting to Yellowknife that the Government of Northwest Territories should reimburse us for travel costs.

### 2. Negotiations

- a. Canada / British Columbia [Victoria] Jan 14/25  
b. Specific Claims [Vancouver] Nov 21/24

Next Meetings:

- c. Canada / Northwest Territories {Next Mtg}: [Vancouver] February 4-5/25 – Chief/Steve/Boyd/Larry/Sherry  
d. Yukon - TBD  
e. Specific Claims [Edmonton] {Next Mtg}: [Edmonton] – Feb 6/25 – Chief/Boyd/Caroline/Parvej/Sherry

Other:

- f. Specific Claims: Ammunition and Twine  
g. Yukon: Consultation on a Legislative Proposal for a Targeted Amendment to the Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Act  
h. GNWT: Confirmation of Workshop Dates & Invitation to Shared a Proposed Solution for the Administration & Management of Traditional Use Cabins on Public Lands

**Consensus of Council:** To Table.

### 3. Management

- a. Public Safety Canada: Invitation to a Discussion on Border Readiness  
b. Community and Social Development Report  
c. Housing Projects Update

**Consensus of Council:** To Table.

### 4. Lands Office

Boyd Clark provided an overview of the two items from the Lands Office.

- a. Bench Creek Resources Ltd

**Consensus of Council:** To notify Bench Creek Resources that Acho Dene Koe First Nation is not opposed to the acquiring the roads – 121 Road (transferred from EOG Resources to provide continued access to Maxhamish Lake) and Beaver Road (PDR 631 – starting at Km 90 that transferred from EOG and Crescent Point); however Chief Hope did wish to speak to the representatives of Bench Creek.

- b. Paramount Resources

**Consensus of Council:** Accept as Information.

### 5. Acho Dene Corporate Group

Boyd Clark provided updates on the agenda items listed for discussion.

- a. Acho Real Estate LP: Yeadon  
b. Update: Finances of the Corporate Group for the period ending December 2024  
c. Update: Election of Directors [February 5, 2025]

**Consensus of Council:** Accept as Information.

## 7. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Boyd Clark provided updates on the agenda items listed for discussion.

### 1. Liard Warriors Donation Request

**2025.01.29:10:** Motion to provide a donation of \$1000 to the Liard Warriors so the basketball team for their Yellowknife Cagers Tournament.

Brenda Berreault

Dennis Nelson

Carried.

### 2. Dehcho Wood Stove Project

Chief Hope provided an overview and discussion ensued about the Dehcho Wood Stoves Project. Chief Hope shared the information provided by Jason Collard of Gonezu Energy Inc that the Dehcho Wood Stove Program was conceived and developed by eleven (11) Dehcho Indigenous Government Representatives (including representatives from ADK) at the 1st Annual Dehcho Clean Energy Planning Event held in Yellowknife from August 19th-23rd, 2024. As part of the program fifty (50) ADK Band Members will receive free wood stoves installed in their homes. They would like to have the ADK representative identified by next Friday January 31st, 2025, so that they can schedule their 1st meeting, and they can help in the selection process for three (3) Dehcho Members that they will be hiring as WETT Trainees as part of the program. Fort Liard's event will be Wednesday March 5th, 2025, at the community hall. At that event we will be providing all community members with free energy-efficient products for their homes and will be selecting the 50 ADK Band Members to receive Wood Stoves. They will also be providing free food and prizes at the event. The following days after the event (Thursday March 6th & Friday March 7th ) they will conduct home inspections at the homes of 50 ADK selected to receive wood stoves so that we can identify the correct stove and configuration for installation. \*\*By February 10th be providing you with a poster to promote this community event\*\*

### 3. Dene Nation: Condemns Aurora College's Proposed Closure of Community Learning Centers

**Consensus of Council:** Accept as Information.

## 8. INFORMATION ITEMS (FOR DISCUSSION)

**Consensus of Council:** Accept as Information.

### 1. Northwest Territories

- a. [Cleveland]: **ITI:** NWT Council of Leaders Economic Working Group
- b. [Cleveland]: **ITI:** AME Roundup Events [Vancouver – January 19-22/25]
- c. [Cleveland]: **ECE:** Education Act Modernization Working Group
- d. **NWT Species at Risk:** Progress Report for Wood Bison in the NWT (2020-2024)
- e. Landmark Resources: **PFP:** NWT Our Land for the Future Agreement
- f. **NWT Indigenous Leaders Economic Coalition:** 5-Year Strategic Plan [2019-2024]
- g. **Denendeh Investments Incorporated:** NWT Indigenous Led Economic Task Force
- h. [Wawzonek]: **Finance:** Fiscal Restraint Measures Implement

### 2. Yukon

- a. None

### 3. British Columbia

- a. None

### 4. Canada

- a. None

### 5. Assembly of First Nations/Dene Nation

- a. None

### 6. Dehcho First Nations

- a. Ełehéh: Together Leading with Dene Values" Pilot Program

### 7. Other

- a. Liidl; Ki^ First Nation: Support of Justice Navigator Program
- b. Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver: Record Suspension Program

8. **Conferences/Forums/Gatherings/Key Meetings**

- a. GNWT - Landscape Carbon Gathering [Yellowknife] Feb 7-8/25 – Lands/Brad
- b. First Nations Housing Conference [Thunder Bay] Feb 4-6/25
- c. Dene Nation Leadership Mtg [Deline] Feb 10-12/25 - Chief
- d. Western Indigenous Consultation & Engagement Conference [Edmonton] Feb 20-21/25
- e. 2024-2025 Mineral Resources Conferences: PDAC 2025 [Toronto] Mar 2-5/25 – Boyd/Brad
- f. Arctic Energy & Resource Symposium [Calgary] Mar 19-20/25 – Chief, Steven, Brad, Boyd
- g. Renewables in Remote Communities Conference [Whitehorse] March 25-28/25
- h. 8<sup>th</sup> Annual First Nations Major Project Coalitions Conference [Toronto] Apr 27-29/25 - Boyd
- i. 2025: National Aboriginal Opportunities Conference [Vancouver] May 20-22/25 – Boyd/Brad
- j. North American Caribou Workshop [Yellowknife] June 15-19/25
- k. Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment [Yellowknife] Jul 3-4/25 - Lands

**Consensus of Council:** To Table.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

2025.01.29:10: Motion to Adjourn the January 29, 2025, meeting of Council.

Brenda Berreault  
Dennis Nelson  
Carried.

10. **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Thursday, February 20, 2025

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the undersigned being of most of the Council of Acho Dene Koe First Nation, do hereby confirm that Council hereby approves by this Band Council Resolution **BCR 2025-01-0220** the approval of the Minutes of Council "As Information" and this was done at a duly convened meeting of the Council on **February 20, 2025**.

**Councillor – Brenda BERREault**

**Councillor – Dennis NELSON**

**Sub Chief – Donny BERtrand**

**Councillor – Morris MCLEOD**

**Chief – Eugene HOPE**

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**Quorum \_\_\_\_\_**

## SCHEDULE A.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 1. ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS / DENE NATION

1. Behdz Ahda' First Nation (Colville Lake) Caribou Court Decision.

#### 2. GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

1. **INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA:** Notification of Reporting Requirements

#### 3. GOVERNMENT THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES:

1. **INFRASTRUCTURE:** Consultation on Geotechnical Investigations for the Mackenzie Valley Highway
2. **CONFERENCE OF MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES:** Species at Risk: Research and Monitoring Priorities
3. **INDUSTRY, TOURISM & INVESTMENT:** Tourism Product Diversification and Marketing Program (TPDMP) and the Community Tourism Infrastructure Program
4. **ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE:** NWT Water Monitoring Bulletin
5. **PREMIER:** Anti-Poverty Fund
6. **PREMIER:** Annual Address
7. **FINANCE:** Development of an Indigenous Procurement Policy

#### 4. PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

1. **MINISTRY OF FINANCE:** Application for PST Refund
2. **NORTHEAST ROUNDTABLE:** 2024-12-11 Meeting Notes
3. **MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT:** Engagement Opportunity (five Transportation Initiatives)
4. **MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND PARKS:** Hazardous Spill Notification System
5. **MINISTRY OF ENERGY & MINES:** Mineral Tenure Act Modernization
6. **MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND PARKS:** Public Interest Bonding Strategy
7. **MINISTRY OF WATER, LAND & RESOURCES:** Caribou Strategy
8. **Ministry of Mining & Critical Minerals:** Mineral Claim Consultation Framework
9. **Ministry of Energy & Climate Change:** First Nations Clean Energy Opportunities
10. **Ministry of Forests:** 2025 Range Use Plan Engagement

#### 5. YUKON

1. **YUKON FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD:** None

#### 6. DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS

1. None

#### 7. OTHER

1. Indigenous Resource Network: Indigenous Loan Guarantee
2. Paramount: Liard East
3. Canadian Forest Products:
4. Northern American Tungsten:
5. EOG
6. Kiwtinohk Energy
7. Cantung Mine
8. Secure Energy